

# Louisiana Local Government Grant Update

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## SGMS UNVEILS THE GRANT TRACKER

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Tracking federal funding in the state of Louisiana has been a continuous priority for the Louisiana State Grants Management Section (SGMS) since its inception in early 2005. Using Federal Assistance Awards Database System (FAADS) information from the United States Census Bureau, SGMS has created a Geographic Information System (GIS) to map incoming federal funds to state and local entities.

Titled the **Grant Tracker**, the SGMS GIS system functions as a visual representation of the distribution of federal funds within the state of Louisiana. The FAADS data is compiled from federal department reports on funds granted to states, local governments and auxiliary

recipients (only awards to government divisions and subdivisions are included in the Grant Tracker system).

The Grant Tracker provides the user with several different options concerning the information viewed.



Through layering and query functions, the user controls what information is shown on the map. The layer function allows the user to select from a list of specific options shown on the map. For example, the user

would click on the “parishes” button on the menu and refresh the map to see information for parishes.

In the query function, the user can apply in-depth instructions to the map, controlling what information is exhibited. For example, the user could ask for all competitive grants equal to \$100,000, and a report would generate detailing all information complying with the query.

Other functions of the Grant Tracker include identifying background information for individual points on the map and zooming in to specific areas of the state. The user can search for specific grants using the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number along with Senate and House district

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numbers and apply buffer zones to locate certain projects within a determined area.

In the summer of 2006, users will be able to query information collected from State Agencies that will provide a “picture” of funds passed through State Agencies to local or regional entities, whether competitive or formula funds. This will be updated each fiscal year with prior year data.

## Prospect Research Grant Opportunities for Local Governments

In response to funding opportunity questions, the State Grants Management Section (SGMS) has identified the best sources for local governments to access in researching grant opportunities. Additionally, SGMS continues to research new, innovative grant funding sources.

Prospect research is information within the public domain. To do prospect research for funding opportunities, a local government does not need to invest one penny! Occasionally, local governments will purchase a newsletter, but for main stream grants

the following websites are sources of many grant opportunities for all program areas. These links will provide local governments the opportunity to sign up for grant notices sent directly to the email account registered. The frequency of these notices depends on the organization. (See [Links](#), page 6)





The US Department of Homeland Security is offering the **Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)**

program.

**Purpose:** To award one-year grants directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services (EMS) organizations in order to enhance their abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The primary goal is to provide assistance to meet fire departments' and nonaffiliated EMS organizations' firefighting and emergency response needs. This program seeks to support organizations that lack the tools and resources necessary to effectively protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards.

**Eligibility:** Fire departments or nonaffiliated EMS organizations that are operating in any of the 50 states.

**Amount:** See the Program Guide on the website for different project amounts.

**Deadline:** April 7, 2006

**Website:** <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>

**Additional Contact Information:** Tom Harrington, Deputy Program Director, at 202-786-9791.



The US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, is offering the **State Criminal Alien**

**Assistance Program**, in conjunction with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security.

**Purpose:** To provide federal payments to States and units of local government that incurred correc-

tional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens, with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of State or local law, and who were incarcerated for at least 4 consecutive days during the reporting period.

**Eligibility:** States and units of general government that have authority over correctional facilities that incarcerate or detain undocumented criminal aliens for at least 4 consecutive days are eligible to apply for SCAAP funds.

**Amount:** See page 13 on the website below for award details.

**Deadline:** All FY 2006 applicants must register in GMS on or before March 28, 2006. The deadline for submitting all applications is 8:00 p.m. (eastern time) Tuesday, April 4, 2006.

**Website:** [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/2006\\_SCAAP\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/2006_SCAAP_Guidelines.pdf)

**Additional Contact Information:** Linda Hammond-Deckard, Policy Advisor, at 202-353-4411.



The US Department of Justice is offering the **Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP)**.

**Purpose:** To help protect the lives of

law enforcement officers by assisting states and units of local and tribal governments equip their officers with armor vests. For the BVP Program, the title "law enforcement officer" includes police, sheriff's deputies, correctional officers, parole and probation agents, prosecutors, and judicial officials. Federal funds may be used to pay up to 50 percent of an applicant's total vest costs.

**Eligibility:** Units of local government such as cities, counties, par-

ishes, municipalities, and federally recognized Indian Tribes.

**Amount:** See website for specifics

**Deadline:** April 18, 2006.

**Website:** [http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/le\\_bulletproof2004.html](http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/le_bulletproof2004.html).



The US Department of Justice is continuously offering the **Federal Surplus Real and Related Property Program**.

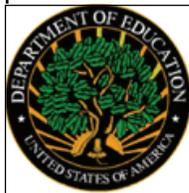
**Purpose:** To facilitate the no-cost public benefit conveyance of suitable federal land and buildings, as determined by the U.S. Attorney General to state and local governments for correctional facility use and law enforcement purposes. The Attorney General has delegated authority to make these determinations to the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP).

**Eligibility:** Instrumentalities of state and local governments.

**Deadline:** Ongoing.

**Website:** [http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/le\\_surplus-property.html](http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/le_surplus-property.html).

**Main Page:** [http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/le\\_surplus-property.html](http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/le_surplus-property.html)



The US Department of Education is offering the **Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems Centers Program**.

**Purpose:** to provide assistance for demonstration projects that (a) provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to individuals with spinal cord injuries and (b) conduct spinal cord research, including clinical research and analysis of standardized data in collection with other

related projects.  
**Amount:** \$439,000–\$489,000.  
**Deadline:** April 21, 2006  
**Website:** <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-1795.pdf>



The National Endowment for the Arts is offering **Grants for Arts Projects: Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast Track Review Grants.**

**Purpose:** To support primarily small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations.  
**Eligibility:** County, state, city, and township governments.  
**Amount:** \$10,000  
**Deadline:** June 1, 2006  
**Website:** <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Artsed.html>



The National Endowment for the Arts is offering **Grants for Arts Projects: Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth.**

**Purpose:** To help children and youth acquire appreciation, knowledge, and understanding of skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engagement of students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art.  
**Eligibility:** County, state, city, and township governments.  
**Amount:** \$5,000-\$150,000  
**Deadline:** June 12, 2006  
**Website:** <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Artsed.html>



The National Archives and Records Administration is offering the **Archival and Records Project Grants.**

**Purpose:** To facilitate the use of historical records held by archives and other repositories and to assure their long-term preservation.  
**Eligibility:** County, state, city, special district and township governments.  
**Amount:** \$30,000-\$200,000  
**Deadline:** October 1, 2006  
**Website:** <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/archival.html>



The US Department of Health and Human Services is offering the **Community Economic Development Discretionary Grant**

**Program for Community Development Corporations (CDCs).**  
**Purpose:** To result in the creation of new jobs.  
**Eligibility:** CDCs  
**Amount:** \$700,000 per project period.  
**Deadline:** May 12, 2006  
**Website:** <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-EE-0019.html>



**Purpose:** To provide money for campaigns to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, including actions to defend wilderness and biological diversity.  
**Eligibility:** Non-profit Organizations  
**Amount:** See Application

**Deadline:** April 28, 2006  
**Website:** <http://fundwildnature.org/proposal.html>



The US Department of Health and Human Services is offering **Grants for Coordinated HIV Services and Access to Research for Women, Infants, Children, and Youth.**

**Purpose:** To improve access to primary medical care, research, and support services for HIV-infected women, infants, children and youth, and to provide support services for their affected family members.  
**Eligibility:** Public or private non-profit entities that provide or arrange for primary care.  
**Amount:** Nearly \$18 million for 22 grants.  
**Deadline:** May 3, 2006  
**Website:** <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOpp.asp>



The US Department of Housing and Urban Development is offering the **HUD Housing Counseling Program.**

**Purpose:** To support the delivery of a wide variety of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, low-to-moderate-income renters, and the homeless.  
**Eligibility:** Local Housing Counseling Agencies and other public entities providing housing counseling.  
**Amount:** Up to \$200,000  
**Deadline:** May 23, 2006  
**Website:** <http://www.hud.gov/>

*Links, continued from page 1*

- **The Federal Register**

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

*This site will enable you to sign up to receive the Federal Register Table of Contents daily.*

- **Grants.gov**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/subscribeAll.do>

*Sign up to receive daily emails of all federal grants agencies are offering.*

- **Channing-Bete**

[http://fmdb.channing-bete.com/clblogin/nl\\_reg\\_form.html](http://fmdb.channing-bete.com/clblogin/nl_reg_form.html)

*You can sign up to receive newsletters in your subject area.*

<http://www.channing-bete.com/fundinginformation/>

*Find lists of grants offered by foundations and federal agencies (Note the Community Development Grants).*

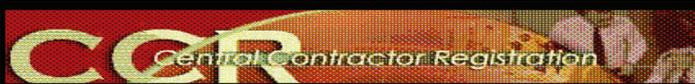
- **The U.S. Government's Official Web Portal**

[http://www.firstgov.gov/Contact/E-mail\\_subscriptions.html](http://www.firstgov.gov/Contact/E-mail_subscriptions.html) (click on Government Benefits, Grants and Financial Aid)

<http://apps.gsa.gov/>

[FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php](http://apps.gsa.gov/FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php) (click on all areas that interest you)

### *Does your Local Government Have a DUNS and CCR Number?*



In order to apply for a federal grant, the applicant needs to have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. A Central Contractor Registration (CCR) number is also required for online applications through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). You can register for these two numbers at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov). Click on "New Registration" in order to begin the process for both numbers. The majority of federal applications must be submitted on [grants.gov](http://grants.gov).

#### **Next Grant Writing Class**

When: April 4, 2006

Where: Lake Charles

*To register, please call (225) 342-7412*

#### **SGMS is on the WEB!**

*Check out our new website for grant opportunities and access to our grant database. The website is :*

[Http://www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/sgmshome.htm](http://www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/sgmshome.htm)

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